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## State Police Winter Storm Statistics

The following information covers time period January 22, 2005 from 1200 noon through January 23, 2005 at 1200 noon.

Total MV Accidents:	164
With injuries:	18
Fatalities:	0
DWI's:	5
Assists to motorists:	190

While these statistics may appear elevated, they are quite low given the severity of the storm. The diminished numbers are likely attributed to Connecticut's citizens heeding the warnings of Governor Rell and traveling the roadways only in dire situations.

Commissioner Boyle would like to remind everyone that if travel is absolutely necessary, please be sure to dress appropriately for the severe weather conditions. If in the unfortunate event, while traveling, your vehicle becomes disabled please remain inside the vehicle, not only for warmth but also for personal protection. Utilize four-way emergency flashers, display a brightly colored cloth outside your vehicle, possibly tied to the antenna, and try to draw the attention of passersby.

Troopers are continually patrolling the roadways and in these conditions their priority is searching for accidents and stranded motorists.

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